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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS ON LIBYA

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1. ALTHOUGH PREOCCUPATION WITH LIBYA ABATES SOMWHAT IN
SEPTEMBER 11 CAIRO PRESS, FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST DO
APPEAR ON FRONT PAGES, ALTHOUGH IN LOW KEY. AHRAM REPORTS
THAT MEETING RECENTLY HELD IN BENGHAZI, COMPRISING TRIBAL
ELEMENTS, MEMBERS OF POPULAR COMMITTEES AND UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS, ENDORSED PRINCIPLE OF ELECTIONS FOR LIBYAN PRES-
IDENCY AND DEMANDED END TO "WAVE" OF LIBYAN TERRORIST ACTIV-
ITIES IN EGYPT. ACCORDING TO AHRAM VERSION, CONFEREES TOOK
PETITION CONTAINING THEIR DEMANDS TO GENGHAZI GOVERNORATE
AFTER THEIR CONFERENCE. PETITION APPARENTLY FORWARDED
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FROM BENGHAZI FOR PERSONAL PERUSAL BY QADHAFI. HIS REAC-

TION NOT SPECIFIED.

2. AKHBAR AL-YAWM REPORTS THAT ANOTHER LIBYAN-CONNECTED
TERRORIST CELL BEEN UNEARTHED, THIS TIME IN DAMANHUR
(IN DELTA). DAMANHUR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR STATED THAT TRIAL
OF THREE PERSONS WHO HAVE ADMITTED CONNECTIONS WITH LIBYAN
INTELLIGENCE WILL BEGIN WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. ARTICLE SUGGESTS
THAT ARRESTED INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEVERAL UNEXPLODED
BOMBS RECENTLY FOUND IN CITY.

3. AKHBAR AL-YAWM ALSO REPORTS IN FRONT-PAGE BOX, DATELINED
LONDON
FROM CORRESPONDENT ZAGHLUL AL-SAYYID, THAT RECENT
EVENTS IN KUWAIT RESULT OF ABORTIVE COUP AGAINST REGIME
ENGINEERED BY "QADHAFI AND NUMBER OF MARXISTS."

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH FOCUS OF CAIRO DAILIES ELSEWHERE,
DRUMFIRE OF CRITICISM AGAINST QADHAFI CONTINUES UNABATED
WITH ON AD HOMINEM ANTI-QADHAFI AEITORIAL IN AKHBAR AL-YAHM
JOINING VARIOUS ANTI-LIBYAN FRONT PAGE SQUIBS.
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